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## AUTHORIZING AN INVESTIGATION OF CRIME AND RELATED PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 136]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 136) authorizing an investigation of crime and related problems in the District of Columbia, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, with amendments, and recommend that, as amended, the resolution be approved.

The amendments are: On page 1, line 7, after the word "date", insert the words, "but not later than January 31, 1952". On page 2, line 6, strike out "\$50,000" and insert "\$25,000".

The first amendment follows out the policy of the Committee on Rules and Administration which is to place a cut-off date for hiring personnel on any investigation, so that expenditures from the contingent fund will not carry over from one session to another. The date January 31, 1952, is a standard date for all resolutions which have authorized investigating funds that have been approved by this committee at this session of Congress.

In the opinion of this committee, the sum of \$25,000 was considered sufficient to carry this proposed investigation during the next 4 months.

The Committee on Rules and Administration recommends that the resolution should be agreed to for two principal reasons: (1) The report printed on August 31, 1951, submitted by the Select Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce which recommends in part as follows:

With regard to the District of Columbia, this committee has, on several occasions, received evidence that the city of Washington may be a pivotal point for gambling operations of considerable size. There is also evidence before this committee of widespread traffic in narcotic drugs within the District. The committee therefore strongly recommends that an appropriate committee of the Senate undertake a thorough investigation of crime conditions in the District of Columbia, including the relationship of such conditions to crime in adjoining areas.

The Committee on Rules and Administration has decided that the Senate committee on the District of Columbia is best qualified and has complete authority under section 134 (a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to carry out the foregoing recommendation in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

(2) There is also pending before the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia the Davis bill (H. R. 4141) to provide for the more effective prevention, detection, and punishment of crime in the District of Columbia. That committee is now engaged in the consideration and review of this much-needed legislation. If this resolution is agreed to by the Senate, the funds made available will enable the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia to give the Davis bill the study and the research that is needed for its report to the Senate at the beginning of the next session of Congress.

The original budget of the Senate District Committee in the amount of \$50,000 is appended hereto for the information of the Senate.

Position	Number	Base salary	Gross salary	Total for period, 12 months
<b>Staff expense:</b>				
Counsel and staff director.....	1	\$8,000	\$10,846.00	\$10,846.00
Research assistant.....	1	5,580	8,521.88	8,521.88
Investigators.....	2	4,860	7,526.46	15,052.92
Stenographers.....	2	3,000	4,849.61	9,699.22
<b>Total.....</b>				<b>44,120.02</b>
<b>Nonstaff expense:</b>				
Hearings (record).....				5,000.00
Travel.....				250.00
Telephone and telegraph.....				250.00
Contingent fund.....				379.98
<b>Total.....</b>				<b>5,879.98</b>
<b>Recapitulation:</b>				
Total staff expense.....				44,120.02
Total nonstaff expense.....				5,879.98
<b>Grand total.....</b>				<b>50,000.00</b>